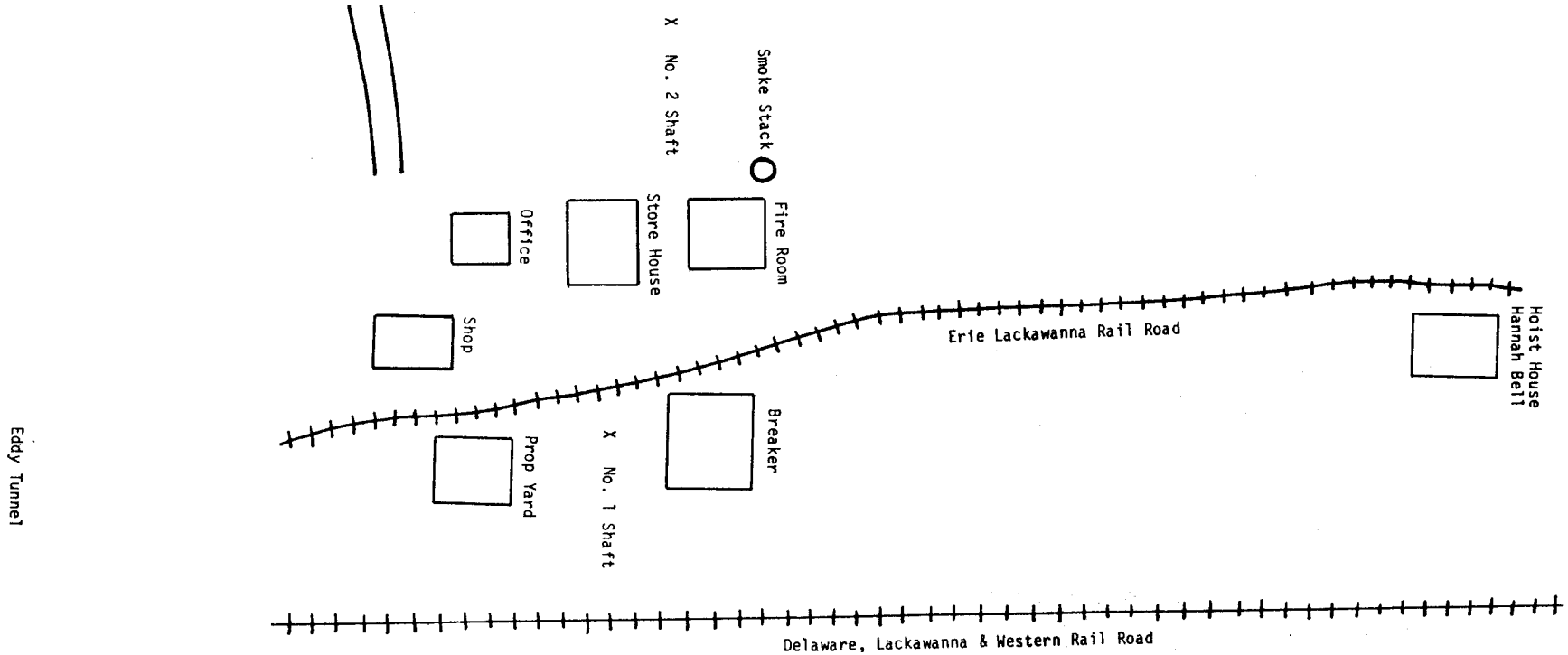

UNDERWOOD, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PA.

UNDERWOOD, Lackawanna County, PA. This map was drawn by S. Robert Powell on the basis of information reported by Walter Silas Powell, of Carbondale, PA, in an interview on May 16, 1981. Walter Silas Powell lived in Underwood from 1914 to 1930.

All of the following information on the village of Underwood was reported by Walter Silas Powell to S. Robert Powell in an interview on May 16, 1981:

--the village of Underwood no longer exists; the only extant structure of this mining village is the smoke stack of the Fire Room--the location of this smoke stack in relation to Throop, PA is shown on the map on page 22 of a portion of Throop, PA

--Underwood was located in Olyphant Borough and Throop Borough; the buildings numbered 1 through 8 on this map are the houses that were occupied by the mining officials; these eight houses were located in Throop Borough, the rest of the village was located in Olyphant Borough

--the buildings numbered 1 through 8 on the above map are the houses that were occupied by the mining officials--these houses each had eight rooms, four upstairs and four downstairs; the buildings numbered 9 through 28 are the double houses that were occupied by the miners--these houses each had six rooms in each half, three upstairs and three downstairs; the one-family houses had hot and cold water and inside toilets, the two-family houses had hot and cold water but no inside toilets; the rent for the two-family houses was $10 per month, the rent in the one-family houses was $15 per month; in both kinds of houses, the rent included heat and electricity, the heat was steam heat from the mines; the Bath Houses were for the use of the occupants of the two-family houses; WSP: "One of the Bath Houses, the one between houses number 23 and number 24, was later converted into the village store, which was run by Peter Champacinni. When he died, the store was run by his son, Joe, and then by Frank Whitbeck. On Sundays, Joe Champacinni would usually go into town for a real Italian dinner. One time, Joe and I went to Buscarini's on Spruce Street in Scranton for an Italian dinner."